
FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Finding: *(i.e., Conclusions reached after investigation and/or evaluation of facts)*

A mechanism should be established to monitor the Governor accepted recommendations of the Bi-State Fire Commission to ensure those recommendations are carried out, implemented and maintained over time.

Background and Supporting Evidence: *(A short statement justifying the Finding and describing desired outcome(s); usually no more than half a page.)*

The mission of the Bi-State Fire Commission is to make recommendations to the Governors of Nevada and California to reduce the threat of fire in the Lake Tahoe basin and preserve and protect lives, property and Tahoe's unique environmental qualities. It must be recognized that some or all of the recommendations that may be accepted by the Governors will take time to implement. A mechanism should be established to monitor the progress of the recommendations, ensure they are put into place and are completed in a timely fashion and remain in place over time.

Recommendation(s) *(Based upon an analysis of the Finding, the following recommendation(s) should be made to the Governors):*

A standing committee of the Bi-State Fire Commission be established with the approval of the Governors of the states of Nevada and California to oversee the recommendations of the Governors and ensure progress is made on their implementation. This Standing Committee would meet periodically and report on at least a yearly basis to the Governors on the status of the recommendations and fire suppression and forest health efforts within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

Cost: Each state would cover the costs of its members on the Standing Committee for meetings and other activities (minimum cost - travel and per diem only).

Funding Source: Each state would provide necessary funding for it representatives on the Standing Committee (using existing staff. Cost would be for travel and per diem only).

Staffing: Each state would be represented on the Standing Committee by three representatives each serving in a volunteer capacity.

Existing regulations or laws: None. It would be the responsibility of the Standing Subcommittee to oversee the implementation of the Governors recommendations.